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### CHRIST AND THE PILGRIMS OF EMMAUS, by Velazquez

Diego Rodriguez de Silva y Velazquez was born in 1599 and died in 1660. He spent the early part of his life in Seville, Spain, where he studied art and where he was married. There he painted scenes of lowly people and still life. In 1622 he visited Madrid and the following year was taken into the service of Philip IV, for whom he worked throughout the rest of his life. He visited Italy in 1629 and was there again from 1649 to 1651. Under the influence of Italian art, his color became higher in key and his brushwork grew progressively more fluent. In the picture herewith, Christ is seated at the left with his head raised and turned in profile toward the right. His hair is long. He wears a red robe and a gray-blue cloak is thrown over one shoulder, to fall on one knee. His right hand, showing the mark of the nail on the cross rests on the table, holding the bread. A pilgrim in foreground, extending his arm in surprise at Christ, wears a dark blue blouse. The man with full beard, across the table, is in dark brown. A gray wall forms the background.

## MILLION DOLLAR MULTIPLE DWELLING PROJECT FOR TORRANCE IS PROPOSED

That Jack Pine is planning to construct 132 multiple dwelling units at Crenshaw Blvd. and Dominguez St., to cost approximately \$1,000,000, was revealed at the meeting of the City Planning Commission Tuesday night.

After consulting with the planners, Pine was asked to prepare a new subdivision map and layout for his project which already has F.H.A. approval, it was said.

## Torrance Over Top In Annual Red Cross Drive

Torrance has gone over the top in the annual American Red Cross fund-raising campaign, its quota of \$6,000.00 having been reached, according to Fund Chairman Dean L. Sears.

As the Torrance Herald goes to press the sum of \$6,016.39 has been turned into general headquarters. Because of a lack of workers many have not been contacted, and those who desire to contribute still may mail or take their donations to the local office, 1345 El Prado, Sears said. "May I take this opportunity," Chairman Sears said, "to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation from all who participated in the campaign, and for the support received from the local Red Cross headquarters under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Miller, branch chairman. It is gratifying indeed to have reached our quota in the time allotted."

## City Council Fails To Act On Vets' Homes

The City Council of Torrance again Tuesday night declined to take action on a proposal that it become a party to an agreement with the F.P.H.A. and the Veterans Emergency Housing Corporation in taking over barracks buildings at Zampertini field for emergency dwelling units for distressed veterans and their families.

Originally, the veterans groups had asked the city to advance 10 percent of the cost of the renovation of the barracks structures and other buildings at the airport. The state was to advance the balance.

Told that they could not legally accomplish this, the City Council turned the proposal down.

Now the F.P.H.A. and the veterans have come back with a deal by which the city only agrees to remove the barracks with no financial obligations. The city would be required to be a party to the contract, however, and certain sanitary ordinances would have to be overlooked.

The Council declined to accept the contract Tuesday night but will take the matter up at the next meeting, it was said.

## Murdock Elected El Camino J. C. Permanent Head

Forrest Murdock, who has been acting director of El Camino College since its establishment last July, was elected as permanent director by the Board of Trustees of the College district last night.

Murdock, Inglewood High School district superintendent, has been handling the affairs of the college since the formation of the district by a 20-1 vote last year. Torrance joined El Camino College district on Jan. 24 by virtue of affiliation with Redondo Union High School district for secondary education next year, and the new college will be located on Alondra park, at Crenshaw Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd.

## Rubber Strike In Torrance Ended Monday

Synthetic rubber industry workers in Torrance returned to work Monday morning at the Dow Chemical Co.'s plant under the terms of an agreement reached Saturday night by a mass meeting of C.I.O. Oil Workers' Union Local 123.

Acceptance by the union of the company's offer of a 17-cent-an-hour increase is expected to set the pattern for the return of workers to two other struck plants here—United States Rubber Co. and Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc.

The chemical concern, which operates the plant as agent for the Federal government's Reconstruction Finance Corp., offered a 7-cent-an-hour basic increase and 10 cents an hour "cost of living bonus."

## Easter Sunrise Services To Be Conducted Here

Easter sunrise services will be conducted throughout the local area Sunday morning.

The Torrance churches will unite in services to be held at the First Methodist church in Torrance.

The annual services at Roosevelt Memorial park will be conducted by Torrance and Gardena churches beginning at 5:40 a.m. Sunday.

The Lomita Evangelical churches will hold their rites on the Lomita hilltop near Palms Verdes Dr. and Western Avenue.

Services by the Southwest Lutheran churches will be conducted at Ladera Park.

In keeping with the season, Good Friday rites are being conducted by various churches in the area as announced elsewhere in this issue.

## Realty Men, Chamber Plan Rental Survey

Recognizing the increasing demand for housing occasioned by the new industries locating in Torrance, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, through its broker members, is formulating plans to address an appeal to all property owners and owners of rental properties in the city soliciting their cooperation in a program designed to help relieve the situation.

A substantial number of people with steady employment are now seeking housing in our community and the number will materially increase as these plants employ people for their operations, according to Blaine Walker, secretary of the Chamber.

It was pointed out that many of our citizens having property for rent, or for sale, could be counted upon as a civic duty to take advantage of such a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. A letter giving details and how our citizens may help is being prepared and will be mailed shortly.

Attending the brokers-Chamber meeting were Bronson Buxton, I. J. Hallanger, Bob Maggard, J. W. Tolson, W. E. Bowen, and Ben Haggott. The session was held yesterday morning.

## Torrance Plan Inauguration Is Explained

At a meeting Tuesday night in the Chamber offices, 37 members of the Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce heard President George Noonan and his project committee tell of their ideas for the inauguration of the "Torrance Plan" in the very near future.

Briefly, the plan is this: 1. To clear the shelves of all stores of high-priced merchandise.

2. To maintain the standard of quality and style which the public demands.

3. To refuse to purchase additional merchandise from all manufacturers whose merchandise is "out of line" with the Torrance plan.

4. To establish better living conditions in Torrance by a reduction of living costs as a model for the rest of the nation.

The program will be placed into effect as rapidly as possible and identification of the merchants pledged to the plan will be announced in the near future.

## NEW PATROLMAN

Gale Whitacre was hired as a patrolman, probationary, by the City Council Tuesday night, on recommendation of Chief of Police John H. Stroh.

## Lloyd W. Waller Named Principal Of Torrance High School Next Year

Lloyd W. Waller, at present vice principal and dean of boys at Redondo Union high school, Redondo Beach, has been appointed principal of Torrance high school effective July 1, according to W. K. Cobb, superintendent of Redondo Union high school district.

The Redondo district assumes control of Torrance high school on July 1, the people of the Torrance City School district on Jan. 24 having voted nearly 10 to 1 to affiliate with Redondo for high school purposes rather than to remain in the Los Angeles high school district for another year.

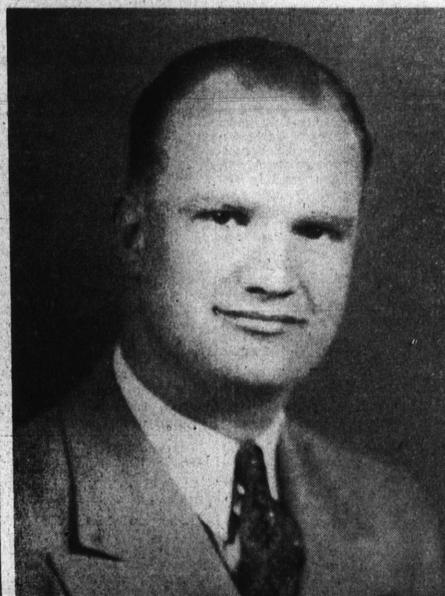
The Redondo district Board of Trustees, meeting Tuesday night, decided to assign Waller to Torrance high school.

Cobb in a joint announcement said that he now is interviewing candidates for teacher assignments in Torrance for our coming school year. The interviews are being conducted at Redondo high school, at 500 Diamond St., Redondo Beach.

Waller joined the Redondo Union high school district staff in 1927 in the physical education department. In 1934 he was assigned as boys' advisor, and last year he became vice principal and dean of boys.

His assignment as principal of Torrance high school will continue until the formation of Torrance Unified school district, by which the Torrance City Board of Education will assume control of all schools from kindergarten through high school.

At present, the Torrance City Board of Education has control only of grades from kindergarten through the eighth.



**SUPERINTENDENT . . .** The first Superintendent of Torrance City Schools is J. Henrich Hull, above, present assistant superintendent of Corona City Schools. Appointed on a four-year contract with the Torrance City Board of Education, Hull will take over teacher hiring, administrative and supply details immediately pending full organization of the new Torrance school system.

## J. HENRICH HULL SELECTED FIRST SUPERINTENDENT OF TORRANCE CITY SCHOOLS

J. Henrich Hull, assistant superintendent of Corona schools, is the first Torrance City Superintendent of Schools. He was selected by the Torrance City Board of Education Tuesday night.

The 38-year-old educator was picked from a list of 30 candidates for the Torrance superintendent's job, screened by a committee of representatives of the University of Southern California, the University of California at Los Angeles and the County Superintendent of Schools office.

Five were referred for conferences with the Torrance City Board of Education, and nearly 30 hours were spent from time to time since the election of March 18 interviewing the five picked by the screening board.

Superintendent Hull was chosen due to his fine educational program at Corona and due to his widespread experience in administrative work in public schools, according to Dr. Howard A. Wood, president.

He became assistant superintendent at Corona in 1945, at the time of his retirement as a commander from the United States Navy, where he had served for three years.

A graduate of the University of Redlands, 1930, he studied at Colorado State college where he received his M.A. degree in 1932. He has since from time to time attended Denver university, University of Southern California and Claremont college, working toward his degree of Doctor of Education.

He was principal of Pritchett, Colo., high school from 1933-35 and superintendent of schools at Keenesburg, Colo., prior to coming to Corona in 1939.

While in the Naval service, he was educational officer at the Naval Air Station at Norman, Okla., where he had charge of the training and advancement of 2300 enlisted men. Later he was personnel officer at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., in charge of all personnel numbering 4,500 civilians and 3,000 enlisted men. At Pensacola, (Continued on Page 4-A)

Superintendent Hull praised the faith of the people of Torrance in undertaking such a school program, declaring they are citizens "with faith in the future of their schools and their community's growth and progress, and the will to do something about their educational problems."

## Torrance Herald Announces Subscription Price Advance

For more than 33 years The Torrance Herald has maintained its single copy price of five cents and its yearly subscription rate at two dollars—(\$3 per year outside Los Angeles county).

Thus it is only because of compelling circumstances that The Herald finds it necessary to advance its subscription prices. Newsprint has advanced from \$40 per ton to as high as \$250 per ton; linotype metal from five cents per pound to 22½ cents per pound; mechanical labor has doubled within the last few years and the new union contract which became effective January 1 this year calls for a 33 per cent raise in the hourly wage rate. These are but typical of all cost items which go into the production of a newspaper, and which have forced the decision to increase subscription rates—if we are to continue to give you the newspaper of the quality and character you are receiving today.

Effective April 1, 1947, subscription rates were advanced to the following:

Single copies . . . . . 10¢  
Subscriptions, delivered by mail anywhere in Los Angeles county, paid in advance: One year, \$3.50; Six months, \$2.00; Three months, \$1.25.

Subscriptions outside Los Angeles County, \$6.00 per year, or fractional portions of a year at proportionate rates, paid in advance.

Unexpired subscriptions will be continued at the former rate until their expiration date.

We are confident that our readers will agree that the Torrance Herald should maintain its position—which is, recognized throughout the newspaper fraternity as "The best weekly news paper in California," and to do this there is no alternative but to increase prices.

## Miss Torrance Of 1947 Entries Open Today; Rules Announced

Miss Torrance of 1947, attention! No, girls, it's not going to be that easy, but the Junior Woman's Club of Torrance has set about the task of finding the popular girl of girls of our city to reign over the outstanding events of Torrance.

There are rules, yes, lots of rules, to protect you, and to keep the competition on the "up and up," and you girls between the ages of 16 and 25 should lose no time in getting started.

And here's a tip. That service club, lodge, local union, church, or other organization which Mom, Pop, brother, the boy friend, cousin or whoever it may be belongs to can help you put it over.

With the object in mind of boosting the local Y.W.C.A. building fund the Junior Woman's club has decided to stage this affair, and all net proceeds therefrom will go to the "Y.W."

The contestants will sell votes on themselves, 10 votes for 10 cents but no ticket less than 10 cents. A receipt will be given to the contestant each time money is turned over to the contest chairman.

Any contestant may be sponsored by any church, divic, fraternal, service or industrial organization.

There is nothing to bar an organization from "picking" one girl and buying votes from her.

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## NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION INTERVENES IN LAWSUIT AGAINST L.A. SCHOOLS

Torrance City Board of Education, holding its first regularly scheduled meeting in Torrance Elementary school auditorium, Tuesday night voted to file a complaint in intervention in the law suit of John A. Shidner, city judge, against the Los Angeles City Board of Education, under which a preliminary restraining order has been

granted preventing Los Angeles from removing fixtures and buildings on school property in Torrance.

The Board of Education voted unanimously to retain S.V.O. Pritchard, school law expert, as counsel to prosecute the case in behalf of the Torrance independent schools. Attorney Pritchard is the attorney for Shidner, having been retained by a group of citizens to file the action against Los Angeles following the removal of two bungalows from Torrance Elementary school grounds.

It is the contention of the Torrance school board, sustained by Superior Judge Frank Swain, that all school property in Torrance belongs to the people of Torrance City School district and that Los Angeles is merely "trustee" for Torrance until July 1, when the schools are transferred to Torrance school district.

Pritchard was present at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night and requested an inventory of all buildings and fixtures at once, that this might be set up in the complaint in intervention.

The Board instructed Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull to make such an inventory. Pritchard's fee was fixed at \$500, in addition to the amount the citizens' group paid him.

He said that there is no question in his mind that Torrance will win the law suit against the Los Angeles board.

The Board's resolution instructing Superintendent Hull to make the inventory included the request that the survey shall include not only all buildings, fixtures and real property, but also shall determine what fixtures have been removed, unbolted or unsecured in preparation for removal.

It was reported to the Board that preparations have been made to take out some fixtures, by unsecuring and unbolting seats, machinery and other items which may be determined as "fixtures."

Pritchard said that gifts to the schools from Parent-Teacher groups and members of graduating classes, such as paintings, motion picture machines, trophies and other items morally belong to the school and not to Los Angeles.

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**YOUTH BAND . . .** Pictured above is the senior division band of the Torrance Area Youth Band which will present its first anniversary concert from the stage of the Torrance High School auditorium Friday evening, April 11. Three bands make up the

organization of youngsters from the Torrance-Lomita area, the senior, intermediate and junior bands. All will take part in the fine program planned for the concert. (Torrance Herald photo.)